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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/212,107
Filing Date	December 15, 1998
First Named Inventor	Jose I. Arno
Group Art Unit	1784
Examiner Name	N. M. Nguyen
Attorney Docket Number	ATMI-317-CIP-RCE-2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 4, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0860
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for a one month extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.138 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO- 2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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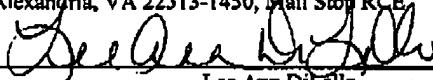
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10/23**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re United States Patent Application of:****Applicant:** Jose I. Arno et al.**Application No.:** 09/212,107**Date Filed:** December 15, 1998**Title:** APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR POINT-OF-USE
TREATMENT OF EFFLUENT
GAS STREAMS**Docket No.:** 4070-317CIP**Examiner:** N.M. Nguyen**Art Group:** 1754**Confirmation No.** 8874**25559****CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 09/212,107, DECLARATION OF
INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.36 FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION
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Sir:

In response to the August 14, 2003 Advisory Action, please amend the claims as follows: